

TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2000

The Annual Meeting of the Texel Sheep Breeders Society was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by President, Andy Wells, with 19 people in attendance, a list of whom are attached to the back.

The minutes of the June 18, 1999, Annual Meeting were read. Paul Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes. Betty Rosenau seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

The Financial Report was reported by Bonnie Davis. We presently have a balance of \$2,487.90. Ron Luginbuhl made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Jerry Hess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Karey Claghorn did not come to give a report. She talked with Andy Wells and he stated that she felt everything was going good. She is very happy with how prompt our organization is at paying her bill. We all agreed that things are going well with her work.

Old Business:

Sale Committee: Jim Davis reported everything went well as far as organizing the National Sale at Springfield this year. There was much discussion on where a sale should be held next year. It was talked about moving it to the Top of the Rockie one year, then back to Springfield, then to the East Coast and alternate back to Springfield again. It was also discussed that having it at Sedalia, Missouri again could be a possibility.

Paul Nelson moved to have Jim Davis send a questionnaire to all Texel members to see if we had a sale out east how many rams and ewes would be available at the sale. He also thought it should be asked about possible sale locations and dates. Ron Erdman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Andy Wells reported on the Carcass money that we were wanting to have available for winners of Eastern carcass shows. Gary Onan was in charge of contacting the British Texel Society to see if they would be willing to donate some money toward this premium. Gary Onan told Andy Wells that there was no progress in this matter. The delegates going on the Inward Mission Trip to England will look into this donation.

Andy Wells reported that the Seedstock Alliance is no longer in existence. At the Director's Conference Call Meeting in February, they decided they would not join it for this year. Since the meeting date, the organization has folded.

Paul Nelson brought up the OPP situation in our Texel breed. He handed out an envelope with a great deal of information on the subject. This subject was discussed at great detail for about 25 minutes. Jim Davis made a motion that we strongly encourage that it would be a good idea for each breeder to begin testing and that way they could advertise individually that on a certain date a certain ram or ewe tested OPP negative. Ron Erdman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

Advertising Committee: It was brought up by several people that they felt last year's advertising committee of Betty Rosenau, Ron Luginbuhl and Ron Erdman did a wonderful job. They stayed within their budget and did great work. We then asked for volunteers to be on the Advertising Committee for the next year. They are as follows:

Ron Luginbuhl

Ron Erdman

The progress in advertising for the next year needs to be a Texel Sheep Breeders Society web page. This will give our organization an opportunity to get breeder's names out to more people and information to people that might not call or write requesting information. Jim Davis will look into a web page and keep in touch with the advertising committee on this matter.

Jerry Hess moved that we budget a maximum of \$2,000.00 to the Advertising Committee, including the web page expense. This figure would not include if we need additional brochures. This could be allowed to go a little over depending on the web page expense. Velsie Vest seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sale Committee: We asked for volunteers to be on the Sale Committee for the next year. They are as follows:

Jim Davis

Jerry Hess

It was recommended that we see what our questionnaires tell us about east coast interest. The sale was discussed previously in this meeting and there was no additional discussion.

A Texel Sheep Breeders Society Newsletter was discussed. Karey Claghorn said she would do a Newsletter at the costs of \$120.00 annually. Beverly Pearsall volunteered to do a Newsletter through a letter to Paul Nelson, which he read. Paul Nelson moved to have Beverly Pearsall do a quarterly Newsletter. Betty Rosenau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ron Erdman volunteered to put together some articles to be put in some magazines. Most of these articles can be free advertisement if submitted.

The Texel Sheep Breeders Society is now on thorough tax exempt status. The report was filed by Bonnie Davis on July 30, 1999. A fiscal year change needs to be made in the By-Laws to accommodate Financial Reports. Andy Wells made a motion to change on the By-Laws, Section II, Number 2 to read as follows:

“The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on June 1 and end on May 31 of each year. Dues shall be due on January 1 of each year and shall be considered delinquent if not paid in full by April 1.”

Ron Erdman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Paul Nelson brought up Honorary Membership. He was wondering if we wanted that available to members so that they could continue to get Newsletters and other information. They would have no voting rights but would be able to keep informed. This was discussed with nothing decided. This does not apply at this time to any members and will be tabled for another time.

Ways to expand and bring in new members was discussed. It was brought up that we need to concentrate on our strengths as a breed and advertise along that line. The Texel breed has qualities that some other breeds don't offer and we can emphasize those qualities at shows and sales. Much discussion was brought up on this matter. It helped give breeders individually ideas and also helped the Advertising Committee see some ways to advertise.

There being no further business, Betty Rosenau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Velsie Vest seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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